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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Shodai et al.

FOR : **CHEWABLE SOFT CAPSULE  
HAVING IMPROVED  
INGESTION PROPERTY AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
SAME**

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of the above-identified application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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Copies of the references listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 are enclosed. An English language abstract of each Japanese Laid-Open Publication is enclosed.

Under § 1.97(b)(1), this information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Although it is believed no fee is necessary, any deficiency in fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited in examination of this application.

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